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The anticipated senatorial contest has been declared off. The man who has "sworn off" is just now very much in evidence.

Nebraska changes rulers today. The king is dead; long live the king! It is the year 1895, but people will keep right on dating their letters 1894.

Charley Mosher's name will be missing on the new bond of State Treasurer Bartley. No one else can point to a New Year's gift similar to that received by John M. Thurston.

The chamber in the state house set apart for the lieutenant governor will not be used as an oil room during the present session. Judge Scott ought to be satisfied with the vindication received from his fellow judges.

Now that all the provisions of the new tariff are in force there is no longer any excuse for further delay in sending on those promised good times. Omaha has now a new chief of its fire department.

The United States senate makes up its own committees. The Nebraska senate has for several years past pursued the same policy, and it should continue to do so.

It is to be noted that several prominent leaders of the democratic party were conspicuous by their absence from President Cleveland's official New Year's reception. Peter Schwenck for the State Board of Transportation! Why not? Peter is just the kind of a man that would have the nerve to break all the commandments at a single bound.

Why should the legislature of 1895 go back for its rules to 1889 instead of adopting the rules of 1893 with such modifications as would suggest themselves after mature consideration? A joint committee of both houses of the legislature on relief legislation to expedite the enactment into law of the most feasible measure for alleviating distress in the drought-stricken section would be in order.

The council committees should not be organized on the partisan basis, but with a view to the promotion of good government and in the interest of the taxpayers. The citizens of Omaha care very little whether the chairman of any committee is a republican or a democrat, but they want the assurance that a man is not a hoodler.

Nebraska opened the new year by furnishing the sensation of the day in the Barrett Scott tragedy. One incident of this kind in a year, however, will be more than an ample sufficiency. It will take an unlimited period of good behavior to wipe out the blot upon the reputation of her people as law-abiding and law-obeying citizens.

One of the most successful evening newspapers in the country is the Chicago Mail. Having all the news facilities which the Associated Press affords, paying careful attention to local affairs, and being always bright, spicy and clean, the Mail enjoys a large and deserved popularity and a liberal measure of prosperity. It occupies a firm place in Chicago journalism.

CONGRESS AGAIN.

Congress will resume work today. In the house debate on the currency bill will be continued, and it is expected that a vote on the measure will be reached next week.

THE REPUBLICAN POSITION. The anomalous condition of the nation's finances and the apparent helplessness of the present administration to devise and apply the remedy have naturally called forth a considerable number of ingenious propositions...

Mr. Atkinson's idea, which, by the way, has received the qualified approval of one of two newspapers of influence, may be summarized thus: The greater part of the demand obligations of the government consist of \$356,000,000 of the legal tender notes of 1861 and approximately \$500,000,000 of notes issued under the Bland and Sherman laws.

Whether this plan of consolidation will be to the benefit of the several communities which now have independent municipal government is perhaps a debatable question. It is possible that the sanitary and police as well as the economical interests of the great area concerned would be benefited, but a very great deal would depend upon the character of the city government.

It was certainly exceptional that among the New Year's honors bestowed by the British government not one peerage is to be found. This is explained by the fact that Lord Rosebery would not indulge in that inconsistency involved in giving an honor which it is the policy of his ministry to abolish.

Whenever it comes to any piece of news of the first magnitude you can rest assured that The Bee has no rival in these parts. The exhaustive report of the Barrett Scott tragedy published exclusively in The Bee was transmitted by one of its reportorial staff, who left Omaha within an hour after the first report of the work of the vigilantes had been flashed over the wires.

Mayor Bemis scores a good point in his insistence upon economy and retrenchment by the new city council. Every corporation and every individual is curtailing expenditures wherever possible. Of course there should be no unnecessary crippling of the public service by a penny wise and pound foolish policy.

THE "GREATER NEW YORK." At the November election there was submitted to the voters of New York City, Brooklyn and a number of contiguous towns the question of consolidating these separate municipalities into one, thereby creating the second city of the world in point of population.

Now, the question is, what becomes of the injunction by which the judicial usurper has tied the willing hands of the Board of Public Works, and thus prevented the letting of the contract for the Sherman avenue pavement to the lowest bidder? Judge Keyser had already decided that the letting of the contract was regular, and that the city and the property owners on Sherman avenue were entitled to the benefits of the lowest bid.

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